



**College Prep Evaluation | Josiah Wray**  
**Height/Position | 6'6 Small Forward**  
**Classification/School | 2024 Midland Christian**

**Date: January 19th, 2024**

**Lead Evaluator:** Coach V (21 Year College Recruiting Coordinator at the D1, D2, D3 & NAIA Levels with over 30 Years Experience in the Recruiting Industry)

**Secondary Evaluator:** NCAA D2 (Entering his 5th Season with NCAA D3 & NCAA D2 Experience)  
UCExposure Evaluations is our Guide to Building a Recruiting Game Plan tailored to the Individual Player

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**Projected Level | NCAA D3+ / D2 JUCO**

**Potential Level | NAIA / NCAA D2**

**College Prep Evaluation:** Josiah is a SF in High School with the skill set to eventually play the 3 Spot at the next level. His best chance at securing Scholarship Dollars finding him a fit as a Stretch 4 or  $\frac{3}{4}$  in a 4 out 1 In Motion type system. Evaluation wise, first and foremost we must upload a 2nd Game similar to the WT White Game. Even though he filled up the stat sheet vs Concordia Lutheran, that footage not only didn't represent his true potential, it exposed him in areas that would hurt his recruitment (We will identify some specific plays to

review) However, against WT White that was a much better indicator of Josiah's Versatility on Offense and Defense and his 'Motor' by the way he pursued Boards and stayed and played in Attack Mode vs a more quality opponent. Recap of Game One, the only thing I could tell as an Ex-Coordinator and the secondary Evaluator identified as well is Josiah is capable of finishing plays at the Rim (Wide Open Layups vs Lesser Opponent playing no Defense) Rarely if ever on the catch in the Short Corner did Josiah face up or look to make a play whether it be attacking the paint or making a pass. Tweeners must play BIG, not rely on being bigger. Another area that should be a consistent strength is sprinting lanes in transition, but too many possessions where Josiah jogged the floor and let the D off the hook by not flashing or pinning down low vs the Zone. Defensively, you must stay play before the catch not after and use angles and effort to show you can Guard a  $\frac{3}{4}$  at the College Level. Several plays when matched up with #11 you waited till he caught the ball, reacted and either gave up straight line drives or wide open 3s (Footage would bring up the question: Who can he guard at the College Level?) Too many plays in Game #1 where you ball watch off the ball, let smaller guys off the hook in the short corner, and react after the catch when matched up against #11 which will be the type of player you not only have to prove you can guard, but that you must shut down! Moving forward, upload and always select Games vs Quality opponents that showcase your Effort, Motor and ability to play on the Perimeter and out tough bigger Forwards in the Paint. **Review the following clips from**

**Game #1 so you can self assess plays/footage from Concordia Lutheran:**

1. **21:50-21:59 Mark** | Don't Flash Hard, Don't Demand the Ball whether you get it or not (Always Play to Maximum Potential not level of Competition)
2. **27:50-28:18 Mark** | No Stance on Help D, Don't Match up and give up too many wide open layups or shots by reacting after the pass or catch
3. **29:00-29:07 Mark** | Let #11 walk into a wide open shot, No sense of urgency and also Exposes can he guard a quicker Stretch 4 or Wing at the College Level

4. **38:20-38:30 Mark** | Over 90% of catches in the Short Corner you never even looked at the basket or cutter (You are a skilled Player and Solid Passer but didn't showcase that in the Game)
5. **53:30-53:38 Mark** | Jog Lanes Consistently vs Concordia and Never Pin in Transition to force help or get a touch down low
6. **1:01:56-1:02:06 & 1:12:00-1:12:10** | Too Many Possessions similar like these where you not playing to your maximum potential, you are playing to level of Comp

In Conclusion filling up stat sheets vs lesser opponents in Games like this hurt you more than help you when it comes to making a push at the Scholarship Levels (**That is my Target for You and Your Potential is Securing an Offer at a JC, NAIA or NCAA D2 so we need to replace this Game**)

**Onto Game #2 vs WT White, these are Games that will not only draw genuine Interest but will Increase Your Level of Recruitment.** That is the key and goal of UCExposure is to help

you identify what Games will best represent you, no more no less. Right off the bat in this Game, you looked more athletic just by playing with the Effort I evaluated at my Camp, you stood out as a very good help Defender and did a much better job of staying in Attack Mode on both ends. Plays like 2:19-2:23 Mark and 5:40-5:50 Mark in the first Quarter look a lot more like a Versatile Scholarship Level 3 / 4 that will move you up Boards as Roster spots start to open (Must Get Games where You Consistently Attack & Showcase Your Ability to Move Laterally on D) Josiah is a very skilled passer who makes the easy play, makes others better and has a high basketball IQ, The Key is staying in ATTACK Mode throughout on both ends, still too many plays you defer or pass open wide open looks. You should attempt at least 3+ 3pt shots a Game while playing to your strengths. You pass up wide open looks on kickouts or drive and kick situations, when you clearly have the ability to knock down shots like the 14:35-14:40 Mark vs WT White. These 3s are within the flow and you should always be shot ready. ***In***

**Conclusion, you must be consistent in 3 areas down the stretch, in the playoffs, and on upcoming Team Tryouts/Workouts after the Season:** 1. Pursuing Rebounds on Every Shot (You Guys shoot a lot of 3s so long Rebounds go to the Aggressor) 2. Sprinting lanes and Pinning in the Paint (Down Screenplay you run with #13 you need to bury the D when he comes off it and demand the Ball) 3. On and Off Ball Defensive Intensity (Effort/Playing Hard makes you right off the bat look more Athletic - Right Now Off the Ball D is ahead so GROW IT)

### **College Ready Games to Share to Targeted Levels:**

**Game #1:** One Game Should be Showcasing You're Scholarship Level Traits which are Versatility and Effort (Winning Plays without the Ball in your hands) 16-19 Point Games where you go 2-3 from beyond the Arc, Get to the FT line 5 or more times, and Secure 8+ Rebounds that you GO GET along with off ball defensive plays (Don't have to be steals) Help and Recover plays where you take away drive and shot, get

3+ Off Ball Steals/Attempted Charges and where you can see your passion throughout like the And 1 Play at 5:40-5:50 Mark in 1st Quarter vs WT White

**Game #2:** A Good Game to Offset that would be Your Best Stat Game of the Year vs the Highest Quality Opponent You Played (Not Games like Concordia Lutheran as Mentioned Above) but if you have a 22-25 Point, 10 Rebound Game against a better Athlete/Player like the WT White Team that would be the second Game to choose!

### **Josiah Wray | Keys Down the Stretch**

1. Set an Offensive RPG Stat Goal in Remaining Games. Don't worry about previous Games or what your current Average is, with the Offense You guys run and the amount of 3s shot set a Goal to **Avg. 4+ Offensive RPG** (That will keep you in Attack Mode on the Glass and that stands out on Game Films)

2. **PLAY TO YOUR MAXIMUM POTENTIAL NOT TO THE LEVEL OF COMPETITION:** This time of year is when Coaches Research Consistent Habits. Just by Watching the 2 Games for the Evaluation and the notes the 2nd Coach Emailed me, there was little to no Evidence in the Concordia Game that you could guard a 3 or 4 in College or play the 3 or Stretch 4 in College. In the Second Game, it was closer with 75% of the Game showcasing scholarship level traits and Versatility you truly have on both ends when fully engaged.

3. All About Consistency This Time of Year: **Watch the last 3 Full Games and be your own worst critic when assessing** sprinting lanes, engaging in the paint (Regardless of the Opponent) pursuing rebounds, and effort plays especially when you are a help Defender. (I could see me targeting 5 out 1 In Systems that Switch Screens and Play Pack Line Principles on D)

### **The Uncommon Approach to Gaining Exposure**

We use College Prep Evaluations to Elevate clients on court performance, act as a Guide to Selecting College Ready Game Films that Stand Out, and provide behind the scenes insight

through the lens of a College Recruiter to enhance not only the Prospects Recruitment but Knowledge on how to Increase their Recruitment. The Midseason Assessment & College Prep Evaluation is Key heading into the Spring as we begin to Promote Prospects to college Programs that FIT and Coaches start Researching UCExposure Recruits..

**College Ready Strengths** | Offensive Versatility, Rebounding the Ball (Ones You Pursue not Rebounds where You are bigger than the Opponent) Off Ball D, Toughness (Need to Be more Consistent on your Pinning in the Paint, Out Working More Athletic/Bigger Players) but when you pin you are a whole different player on Film

**Areas Exposed on Game Films** | Who Can he Guard at the Next Level (4 or 3) Consistency on Both Ends, On Ball Defense

### **Josiah's Highlight Video | Social Media Athlete Marketing**

**Length:** 1:30-2:00 Max | 20-25 Clips

**College Ready Strengths to Highlight | 15-20 Clips:** Select 15 Clips of Stretch 4 Plays, Hitting 3s on Kickouts or off Ball Screen Action, Catching the Ball close to the Basket cause You got Position by Pinning, and taking it off the bounce for 2 to 3 Dribbles making a good pass or finishing through contact like that play against WT White (Really Good Court Vision for a 4)

**Position Specific Plays that Stand Out To College Coaches | 5-10 Clips:** Mix in 5 Clips of Your Best Offensive Rebounds and Putbacks where You go GET IT! Rebounds that come to you don't stand out. 5 Clips of Your Best Help Defensive Plays that force a Turnover

### **Spring Semester | Targeting the Right FIT**

- Based on Professional insight from Experienced College Coaches who are involved with the Recruitment of Student-Athletes, we are able to Guide our Clients on Games that will move them up College Coaches Boards, target the right FIT, and

promote them throughout the Spring to the projected Levels until Interest turns to an Offer **(It just takes One)**.

- **Offensive fit** | 5 Out Motion or 4 out 1 In Motion where they set a lot of ball screens and look for mismatches on cuts.
- **Defensive fit** | Tough HC Man to Man where they Switch the 1-4 spots on Screens (Keep working on your On Ball D) and teach Pack Line Principles would be an ideal fit

**MAKE NOTE: Top Prospects | Take Advantage of the Behind the Scenes Insight Until Interest turns to an Offer:** The College Prep Evaluation is a Guide to Select Games to Upload to Player Cards that will 'Gain Interest', Create Your Highlight Video Showcasing College Ready Strengths that Stand Out to Coaches, and build Your Recruiting Game Plan so we can target College Programs that FIT. Interest will turn to Offers for Players that Follow their Recruiting Game Plan!

### **Spring 2024 | Josiah Wray's Recruiting Game Plan**

**Follow Your Game Plan | #1** Remove the 41 Point Game and Upload 2 Games that are similar to what we identified in the Evaluation. If and When You have your next Best Game with this insight where you dominate areas that stand out, and you sprint lanes and constantly engage down low, upload that and DM me! I'm sharing that to my custom lists of relationships. **#2** Stay Proactive with Sharing Your Player Card and Communicating to me every Coach that contacts you, DMs you, or ask for Game Films (To truly help, I need to know what your Recruitment status is so I can call on your Behalf) **#3** GO ALL-IN! I loved Your 'Toughness' at my Camp. That is your Ticket, not scoring 30 because you're better than the opponent. Put your hard hat back on, Engage every time you are in the paint on a cut or screen down, shoot 3 3pt shots a game within the flow (You pass up wide open looks) and Coaches watching #13 should know without a doubt that the heart and soul of Midland Christian is Josiah Wray when they Watch Games!